

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Claims 11-30 are allowed over the prior art of record.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record and to the Examiner's knowledge does not teach or render obvious, at least to the skilled artisan, the instant invention regarding a process for obtaining a thin layer made of a first material on a substrate made of a second material called a final substrate, particularly characterized by the step of depositing a layer of a third material to form a self-supporting layer on a free face of the thick layer made of the first material, (see Applicant's arguments filed on 11/30/09) as detailed in claims 11 and 14. Claims 12, 13, 19-21 and 23-30 depends from claim 11, and claims 15-18 and 22 depend from claim 14.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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